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SUBJECT: NATO DEFENSE INITIATIVES: REINFORCED EWG MEETING  
JULY 15

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1. IN A VERY PRODUCTIVE WORKING SESSION JULY 15, ABLY LED BY ASYG (PLANS AND POLICY) MUMFORD, THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG), WHOSE MEMBERSHIP WAS REINFORCED BY SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM CAPITALS, APPROVED THE TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR THE NINE NATO DEFENSE INITIATIVES TASK FORCES.

2. AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRMAN, THE EWG AGREED THAT, WHERE CONSENSUS IN PRINCIPLE WAS POSSIBLE ON REQUESTED CHANGES TO THE TOR, IT WOULD LEAVE THE DETAILED WORDING TO BE WORKED OUT BY THE SECRETARIAT AND THE TASK FORCE DIRECTORS. THE US REPRESENTATIVE (KOMER) SAID THAT THE US WOULD NOT, AT THIS MEETING, INSIST ON APPROVAL OR EVEN  
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ON DISCUSSION OF ITS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED PROPOSED CHANGES (REFTEL). HOWEVER, HE REQUESTED AND RECEIVED EWG AGREEMENT THAT TASK FORCE DIRECTORS SHOULD TAKE THE US PROPOSED CHANGES APPROPRIATELY INTO ACCOUNT WHEN REVISING THEIR TOR.

3. OVERWHELMINGLY, NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND REPRE-

SENTATIVES OF THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES EXPRESSED CONCURRENCE WITH THE FORM AND CONTENT OF THE TOR. WHERE CHANGES WERE PROPOSED THEY WERE RELATIVELY MINOR, AND, FOR THE MOST PART, HELPFUL TO THE TASK FORCE DIRECTORS. THERE WAS UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT THAT: (1) THE PROGRAMS PROPOSED BY THE TASK FORCES SHOULD BE STRUCTURED FOR BOTH THE MID-TERM (TO 1984) AND THE LONG-TERM (1985 AND BEYOND); (2) TASK FORCE DIRECTORS WOULD ESTABLISH PRIORITIES IN ORDER FOR THE EWG AND NATIONS TO DECIDE REALISTICALLY ON THE DESIRABILITY OF TRADEOFFS WITHIN RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS; (3) MAXIMUM USE OF EXISTING STUDIES AND ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE WORK OF TASK FORCES BECAUSE THERE WAS NEITHER SUFFICIENT TIME NOR JUSTIFICATION FOR DUPLICATION OF EFFORT TO DO OTHERWISE; AND (4) TASK FORCE DIRECTORS WOULD LIAISE WITH ONE ANOTHER TO ENSURE THAT, WHERE THERE WAS POTENTIAL FOR OVERLAP, IT WAS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD WHICH TASK FORCE HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY.

4. A DETAILED REPORT WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL. BENNETT

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